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For: System and Method for :
Generating a Contract and :
Conducting Contractual Activities :
Under the Contract :

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Sir:

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